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## Report on the Marble Deposit of Pocahontas County.

By Geo. C. Underhill, of Vermont

To Hon. W. L. McNeel, Capt. A. M. Edgar, George S. McNeel, A. R. Smith, Marshall & McGraw, P. S. Clark, and others in interest at Marble Mountain, Academy, Pocahontas County, West Virginia:

Gentlemen: This is to say that having been employed by you to visit your property for the purpose of ascertaining the facts pertaining to its value for marble purposes would report as follows:

A careful study of your outcroppings indicates, first, that there are several miles of fossiliferous marble strata, perhaps five or six, exposed to view most of the distance, and nowhere covered by more than a few feet of debris; the vein is at least forty feet thick and lies nearly horizontal at all points, coursing through and through the low range of hills wherein it is located.

There is no possible way to determine the full depth of the stratum except by core drill, or uncovering the exposure to a greater depth than has been attempted, or by actual excavation, nor does it much matter whether it be proven of a greater depth than shown by outcroppings, for there is already more marble in sight than has ever been used during the ages. This is in no sense extravagant or overdrawn. An excavation 2,000 feet square and 40 feet deep would produce 80,000,000 cubic feet of merchantable marble, assuming that one half the excavation be debris, and I seriously doubt if that enormous gross total has been produced since the beginning of time for while the world's production now aggregates perhaps 4,000,000 cubic feet annually, it is only of late that even 1,000,000 was used, and it is probable that 100,000 feet would cover the production fifty years ago, and proportionately less as we go back. This it will seem that with an area of several miles square available, it is not very important to know accurately whether the depth be 40 or 140; more especially as a 40-foot strata can be economically worked.

In quality this marble may be divided into two general grades; the one ranging from the richest red to the deepest maroon color; while the other may be called dove colored, richly marked with white mottling and dark veins.

Perhaps the most important question is as to the condition of this vast mass, for many deposits which are otherwise desirable are so unsound and broken by eruption and upheaving forces as to be rendered worthless.

A word as to the methods of its presentation above the present adjacent country side will make plain that no great strain could have obtained. The contour of the immediate country surrounding Marble Mountain, taken in connection with all the exposed rock, makes it morally sure that the hills in question were forced up from the original level—the level where the depositing took place—without tilting or contortion, just as though some force should operate directly under a piece of level meadow land so as to lift it hundreds or thousands of feet above its natural surroundings, thus making it an elevated table land or mesa, the top being undisturbed and level as before.

Since this report was made, 22 years or more ago, a railroad has been built the length of the Greenbrier Valley, from Ronceverte to Durbin.

I have never seen like conditions except at Dorset, Vermont, where a large bed of low grade marble and non-crystallized lime was forced up in a like manner. And where more than a half-century's work on an extensive scale shows a practically sound and unbroken marble except in a few spots where it is locally injured, as in the case of the "Blue Ridge" and its immediate vicinity.

All exposures of the lower stones, except in the case of volcanic action, have been brought about by the shrinkage of the earth's crust and consequent shivering, and the valleys and mountains thus formed may be compared to the furrows and ridges in a milk pan. It will be seen that in such a contention of mighty forces but few large areas of mother rock would escape annihilation or at least serious breakage. Except in cases like those at Dorset, Vt., and Academy, W. Va., where sections of rock escaped destruction through removal from active participation in the crush going on all about them. I would not be understood that these are the only exceptions in the primary stones, for in many cases the shrinkage was so even and slow that equally sound stone may be found lifted on edge, but I cite these facts to show that such deposits are more apt to be commercially valuable than if brought to the surface one corner at a time.

The red and maroon marble referred to are counterparts almost of the marble found in Hawkins County, Tenn., and at Swanton, Vt., both valuable and much sought after.

Many years ago the bannisters and columns inside the Capitol Building at Washington were produced at great expense near Rogersville, in the former State, and are standing "as is" for this beautiful material.

The dove grey varieties have no known counterparts in this country at least, except in Colorado, where there is a somewhat similar vein. This marble is at once chaste and rich and would find a ready market wherever beauty is appreciated.

Commercially the future of Marble Mountain is largely dependent on a railway outlet, but as a valuable marble field is a great freight producer, and in view of the recent discoveries of coal near by, it is not possible for the building of a railroad to be long delayed. Moreover, it is almost a wonder that a rich farming district like that bordering the Greenbrier River should have been overlooked so long by railroad men.

I may add that while with you I was shown one of the finest pieces of black marble I had ever seen, and a fine sample of agate onyx, both of which would aid in making a railroad pay through the valley. Finally, let me say that under favorable conditions, large returns are made from the production of marble, and I feel confident that when it is fully understood that you have large quantities of freight some road to the north or south of you will reach out for it, and the rest will naturally follow.

Respectfully yours,

GEO. C. UNDERHILL.

## POTATO EXHIBIT

C. A. Dunn, of the State Department of Agriculture, was in Marlinton last Saturday to prepare potatoes for exhibits at the county fairs at Hinton, Charleston, Huntington and perhaps others. Mr. Dunn soon got in communication with W. C. Householder, L. O. Simmons, L. W. Harless, Walter Mann, Reed Moore, and other potato specialists. He got a big exhibit of the finest Carmons, Green Mountain and other potatoes, and was able to get away on the afternoon train. The Department had promised the Pocahontas County Fair a big exhibit, but was unable to bring it here on account of the railroad tie up.

Like others familiar with the Pocahontas potato Commissioner Stewart is enthusiastic over the possibilities of potato culture in our high land.

## FIRE ALARM

The town was aroused at twelve o'clock Tuesday night by the fire alarm. The blaze was in the boiler room of the ice plant, and was put out before the prompt response of the hose companies. David Spitzer was going to his work at the light plant and saw the fire before it had gained much headway.

## MRS. J. W. BURNER

Mrs. Sarah Jane Burner, wife of U. W. Burner, died at her home near Durbin August 27, 1922, aged sixty-three years and seventeen days.

Her maiden name was Malcolm, she being a daughter of Walter and Sarah Malcolm of Highland county, Virginia.

She leaves her husband and seven children, her son Steward having preceded her to the Great Beyond. Her daughters are Lucy, Edith, Lena and Nannie (Mrs. Morrison). Her sons, living, are Howard, William and Dewey, the latter being in the United States Navy.

She was an estimable lady, a kind and devoted wife, loving mother, and true Christian. Being converted while young, she joined the Methodist church of which she was a consistent member until her death.

The funeral service was held in the Bartow church, by Rev. I. H. VanDeventer to the largest congregation that ever assembled there; and the floral offering was most beautiful indeed.

The burial took place at the new graveyard on the hillside near Bartow.

Mr. Wm. H. Hanner, a representative of the Charleston Sub District office of the United States Veterans' Bureau, will be at the Marlinton Hotel in Marlinton on October 5 and 6 for the purpose of meeting with former service men and women, who desire to file a claim against the Government, or who wish assistance in prosecuting a claim which has already been filed, and to explain any point about insurance, compensation, vocational training, or hospital and medical treatment, etc.

It is the earnest desire of the Veterans' Bureau that all former service persons get everything they are entitled to from the Government, and Mr. Hanner will be pleased to assist one in any way he may. Those persons who feel that they are entitled to vocational rehabilitation should lose no time in filing application as December 16th is the last day on which such claims will be honored. The matter of insurance is most important. Liberal terms for reinstatement have been authorized, and as there is no insurance that can hardly equal that offered by the Government it surely behooves all ex-service men and women to carry at least a portion of the original amount they had while in service.

If for any reason one desires to communicate direct with the Charleston Office, same should be addressed to Mr. Chas. B. Holt, Manager, U. S. Veterans' Bureau, Charleston, W. Va.

## GREENBANK READING CIRCLE

The Reading Circle of the Greenbank District will meet once a month at the various places as follows: Dunmore, Saturday, October 7; Greenbank, October 14; Cass, October 21; Durbin, October 28, and again at Dunmore, November 4 and so on during the year. This arrangement means that there will be a Reading Circle every Saturday somewhere in the District. Teachers are expected to attend one meeting a month and are urged to attend other meetings when practicable.

Mrs. Wilson, Dunmore; Mrs. Taylor, Greenbank; Miss Edith Pitts, Cass have been appointed to make out the programs and have charge of the meetings at the different places. Teachers are requested to get their books as early as possible so as to be prepared to take part in the meetings. The adopted book, "Our Living Language," should be ordered from James and Law Company instead of the University Publishing Co. as announced by the department of education. The price of the book is \$1.15 a copy or 90¢ if ordered in quantities. Should the teachers desire to have their chairmans order the books see them at once.

## FOR SALE

Two coal heating stoves—A Jewel, Cokes Hot Blast—Wilbur Sharp, Marlinton, W. Va.

Friday night, September 15, while at church at Huntersville, or on my way home a Cameo Pin with pearls all around it. Finder please return to Huntersville postoffice or Mrs. B. F. Rock, and receive reward.

## ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING

On Sunday afternoon John Wooddell, aged 19 years, was brought to the Marlinton Hospital, desperately wounded from a pistol shot.

On Sunday forenoon about 11 o'clock young Wooddell and Clyde Nichols, a young man of about the same age were fooling with a .32 special revolver which belonged to the latter. Nichols was putting cartridges in the gun, and it went off, the bullet striking Wooddell in the side, penetrating the liver and one lung and doing other damage. The bullet lodged beneath the skin on the back. Wooddell is desperately wounded and suffered a great loss of blood, but there is some hopes of his recovery.

The wounded man is the son of Mrs. Cloda Wooddell and the late Adam Wooddell.

## DINNER ON FAIR GROUND

The Ladies Aid of the Methodist Church will serve dinner on the Fair Grounds on next Saturday, September 30, at the Auto Races.

Fairmont—At the twenty-fifth annual convention of the Woman's Christian temperance union of Marion county held at Mannington, Mrs. J. Walter Barnes, of Charleston, the state president, was a speaker. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. E. Amos, Fairmont; vice president, Mrs. J. A. Starnes, Mannington; secretary, Mrs. Arthur Menear, Fairmont; treasurer, Mrs. O. C. Phillips, Fairmont.

Wheeling—After delivering a ringing address on "safety first" in connection with a campaign which has been on all week, Dr. Jacob Brittingham, pastor of St. Luke's P. E. church and Wheeling's oldest minister, fell as he was leaving the rostrum of Madison school when he failed to observe there were two steps, and was slightly injured. Rising up from the floor, Dr. Brittingham declared, "that is a demonstration of what I have been preaching to you—watch your step."

Charleston—J. R. Collins was fined \$15 and sentenced to 20 days in jail on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses by Judge Wertz, in police court. It was said that Collins represented himself as a house to house representative of a magazine company, and collected money, but never delivered the magazine. It is said that he later developed that he had no connection with the company at all.

Morgantown—The West Virginia horticultural society has offered a handsome silver cup as a prize for an apple judging contest to be held here during farmers' week in January between three-man teams from the vocational agriculture classes in the state high schools. Individual prizes will also be given to the high scoring members of the team. This is the first time that apple judging work has been done among the state high schools, although West Virginia university students have been doing the work in connection with other college teams.

## Auction Sale

I will offer for sale at public auction on the 26th of October, at my farm on Back Creek, near Mountain Grove, Va., the following property:

4 horses, 2 mules, 10 cows, 1 bull, 9 yearling cattle, 11 calves, 16 two year old cattle (if not sold prior to date of sale) 1 drill, 1 binder, 2 mowing machines, 1 tedder, 1 rake, 2 turning plows, 1 disc harrow, 2 spring tooth harrows 2 double shovel plows, 1 live tooth cultivator, 2 wagons, 1 buggy, 1 surry, 1 roller, 3 sets of harness, 1 lot of bridles, collars, etc., 1 elder mill, 1 wind mill, and a lot of other property.

This sale includes all of my personal belongings at 10:00 o'clock a. m. GEO. W. ROSE, A. C. Herold, Auctioneer.

## Public Sale

On Saturday, October 7, 1922, I will offer for sale the following property: 1 horse 10 years old; one mare with foal to the John F. Shrader horse; 2 cows; will be fresh in April—giving milk now. Five calves, 2 fat hogs, and lot of chickens. Six stock ewes, young; seven lambs; one yearling heifer, one two year old bull, is good stock Herford and very quiet; one 2-year old Jersey heifer, will be fresh in April.

All this property will be sold on twelve months time with good note and good security, except the bull which terms will be made known on day of sale. Sale begins at 10 o'clock. DAVID SMITH, Dunmore, W. Va. Ashford, Auctioneer.

## NOTICE

The Thornwood Cash Store is being purchased by Mr. Tiffin R. Mullenax who will take charge of the store about October 5-10th, 1922. Mr. V. M. Callison will remain as manager for Mr. Mullenax for awhile as he now lives in the same building.

FOR SALE—Six year old Percheron mare, well broken, will weigh 1200 lbs. or better, safe and gentle. Price \$100. Apply to L. H. Harouff, Lo bills, W. Va.

## ROOFING and CEMENT

We are buying in carload lots the best Asphalt Roofing that we can buy, and can make it at reasonable prices. We have a lot of odds and ends in roofing that have accumulated in our warehouse that we will close out at less than wholesale price.

LEHIGH Cement in stock at right price.

Roof Paint and Cement for all kinds of roofs.

See us when in need of anything in the General Merchandise Line

The Peoples Store & Supply Co. MARLINTON, W. VA.

## GREAT FISHES

C. J. Richardson is still making good as the king fisherman of the Greenbrier. Last Thursday at Spice Run he got four big bass. The biggest was as big as they grow in these waters—five and a quarter pounds. The next in size was a four pounder and the other two each weighed over three. Since then at Kennison he caught five bass, the total weight of which was fifteen pounds and two of them were small too.

Attendance at the Methodist Sunday School was up to 213 Sunday. The Presbyterians remain at 180.

## LILLY LAND COMPANY HIRING NEW SALESMEN

The Lilly Land Company have recently hired a number of new traveling salesmen in order to take care of the numerous inquiries for city lots and truck farms, from people all over the country.

The Lilly Land Company has just placed on the market a number of choice lots located near the big Nickel Plate Plant at Huntington, W. Va. They also have a number of choice truck farms in the Ohio Valley between Huntington and Ironton, Ohio. This property is sold on the easy payment plan. If interested, call at our Huntington Office, located at 605 1/2 Ninth Street, just in front of the Huntington Hotel.

The Lilly Land Company also has a number of choice lots and truck farms that they are selling on the easy payment plan, located in the cities of Princeton, Beckley, Oak Hill, Lewisburg, Montcalm and Iaeger, W. Va.

We have an office in each of the above mentioned cities, and if you are interested, go look at this property at once, but if you cannot go, be sure and write us at Princeton, W. Va. stating the property you are interested in and we will have one of our agents call on you and explain our proposition fully.

LILLY LAND COMPANY, Home Office Princeton, W. Va.

## DURBIN

J. D. Wilmoth and wife in company with Dr. Vane and wife motored from Cheat Club to Minnehaha Springs last week and enjoyed a fine trip.

A. J. Simmons has returned from Tucker county after a week's absence. Dr. S. A. Willhite is having a lot of wood sawed by motor power with a wood saw.

W. H. Arbogast and wife of Marlinton, were with us between trains one day last week.

Mrs. M. E. Folk, who has been in a hospital in Pittsburgh, is reported much better. She sustained bruises from an automobile.

Miss Bessie Gum, of Hightown, Va., is in charge of Mrs. Folk's millinery store here now.

Our school is progressing nicely now.

Mack Hudson and wife, of Akron, Ohio, are visiting Mr. Hudson's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hudson.

G. W. Wilmoth is in town for a few days' vacation.

N. B. Arbogast is having some building done on his property.

Barney Henry is bringing in some fine lumber from Williams & Pifer's this week.

Some cattle buyers and plenty of sheep buyers are around now.

The town of Durbin is opening up some new streets which will be a great advantage to our town.

Wallace Phillips and Dewey Rose, who escaped from the Monterey jail, were captured near Elkins. They are being held on a charge of robbing a store at Mill Gap. The third man to break jail, young Ryder, is still at large.

Mrs. Lydia J. Beverage presented this office with a lot of fine peaches. We asked for the name, but she said they were just peaches. And they were peaches too—a little larger than a baseball. Mrs. Beverage's boys are lumbermen, but she stays by the farm, but that does not keep her busy and she puts in her spare time on the loom and knitting machine.

There will be preaching at Hamlin Chapel next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. H. H. Orr.

## WEST VIRGINIA'S CAPITOL

TO BE ONE OF THE WORLD'S FINEST BUILDINGS

(Manufacturers' Record)

Charleston, W. Va.—West Virginia's new capitol, the general exterior design of which has been approved by the State Capitol Commission, when completed will be classed among the finest buildings in the world. The commission, which has charge of the entire project, will have at its disposal \$9,500,000, authorized by the last session of the legislature for a new state house to take the place of the historic old building destroyed by fire. It is estimated that \$2,000,000 will be necessary to purchase the site and the remainder will be for the building. Cass Gilbert, of New York, is the architect.

The new structure will be of the Renaissance style—in reality three separate buildings—a main structure with an impressive dome and two wing buildings, one on either end, and these three divisions represent the three departments of state government, the legislative, the executive and the judicial. The site gives the West Virginia Hills as a background, the Great Kanawha River flows in front of the building and other beautiful hills across the river.

Provisions will be made in the building for every office in the state, and each will be arranged for future needs. Accommodations will be provided for any new branches of administrative government that may be created. The entire site includes about 47 acres with a frontage of 1000 feet on Kanawha street. The grounds will be terraced, trees and shrubbery planted, and driveways will lead from the four streets by which the site is bounded. The main building will contain a spacious rotunda directly beneath the dome. There will be an entrance from two street sides. Two wings similar in construction will be placed on either end of the main building and two other floors, and the entire structure will be seven feet above the high water mark.

Discussing the erection of the new capitol, Mr. Gilbert recently said: "It is my desire that the building be

of a very dignified and pure type of architecture, something that will last and be permanently approved by the best public taste. I believe that a simple dignified structure of fine proportions is far more satisfactory than any amount of elaborate embellishment, or so-called novelty of detail. "There will be really two main fronts and the entrances will be through columned porticos on a great scale and the approach will be a splendid flight of stairs on each front. The whole structure will be crowned by a dome of majestic proportions, rising to a considerable height, and to be a conspicuous and notable feature of the landscape from every point of view.

"Personally, I am intensely interested in this whole matter. I want to make this Capitol building the crowning work of my life. It is the type of building to which I have devoted the past 25 years and I feel that the opportunity is now presented to me for a splendid architectural monument."

## MARLINTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Harvey H. Orr, Pastor.  
9:45 a. m. Sunday School  
11:00 a. m. Quarterly Communion Service  
3:00 p. m. Preaching at Hamlin Chapel.  
7:00 p. m. C. E. Consecration Service.  
7:45 p. m. Sermon subject: "Hope" On Monday evening at 7:30 the regular monthly meeting of the session will be held at the church.

## MARLINTON METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Fred B. Wyand, Pastor.  
A. S. Overholt, S. S. Superintendent.  
9:45 a. m. Sunday School.  
11:00 a. m. Sermon Subject "What the Church can Learn from the World"  
7:00 p. m. Epworth League.  
7:45 p. m. Evening service.  
You are welcome to these services.

## REVIVAL SERVICES

Revival services will begin at the Methodist Church in Greenbank on Monday night, October 2. The preaching will be held by Rev. S. R. Naal, of Alderson. You are cordially invited.  
J. W. Rosenberger, Pastor.

## CALF CLUB

On Monday afternoon, October 2nd at F. P. Kidd's farm at Hillsboro nine registered Herford heifer calves from Callison Brothers herd will be distributed to boys and girls for first year club work.

These calves will be placed with boys and girls of Pocahontas county on the same terms and conditions as last year. In addition the contract is more favorable, the prizes will be bigger and the calves better.

These calves are largely sired by Bullion 15th. This bull is considered by cattle men of West Virginia to be the leading polled Hereford sire in the State.

## TO ELKINS

The Randolph Chapter of the order of the Eastern Star at Elkins, invited Pocahontas Chapter to attend their meeting Tuesday night, and witness some of the degree work. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Livesay, Mrs. R. S. McNeill, Mrs. W. L. Dearing, Miss Blanche Pritchard, Mrs. J. E. Buckley, Mrs. P. R. Overholt, Miss Geraldine Haupt, Rev. H. H. Orr, and C. C. Waugh. The Randolph Chapter sent a team to institute the local chapter some months ago. The trip to Elkins was made by automobile, the party leaving at noon Tuesday and returning before daylight Wednesday.

## OAK GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Hillsboro, W. Va.  
Rev. J. C. Johnson, Pastor.  
The preparatory service for the communion of the Lord's Supper, which will be observed Sunday morning, September 29, at 7:30 o'clock instead of Saturday morning as heretofore. The Session will meet in church Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Friday 7:30 p. m. Sermon by pastor. Sunday, 10 a. m. Sunday School. 11:00 a. m. Sermon and Communion. 3 p. m. Preaching at Marvin Chapel. 7:30 p. m. preaching at Seibert.

## PIE SUPPER

A Pie Supper, ice cream and cake will be served at Caesar's Mountain school house Saturday evening September 23, 1922. Proceeds for the benefit of Sunday school. Everybody cordially invited. Committee.